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In re the Patent Application of :
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For: Wide-Range TOC Instrument Using Plasma Oxidation

Hon. Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks
Washington, DC 20231

RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Dear Sir:

A Notice of Missing Parts was mailed in this application on September 19, 2001. The Notice (a copy of which is attached) indicated that the filing fee had not been paid, that the oath or declaration was missing, and that substitute drawings were required. A Response to the Notice was filed on December 18, 2001, along with a one-month extension of time. The Response included all of the requested items, including formal drawings in conformity with all applicable requirements; see our cover letter listing the drawings, and our stamped return card acknowledging the filing of the Response to the Notice of Missing Parts (although the drawings are not specifically listed on the return card).

A Notice of Incomplete Reply has now been received, and a copy is attached. This indicates that substitute drawings are still required. It is not clear from the Notice whether the drawings filed December 18, 2001 were lost by the Office or whether they were deemed not to conform to one regulation or another.

Submitted herewith is a second copy of the formal drawings, totaling three (3) sheets. These are again in conformity with all regulations. Entry is respectfully requested, followed by examination on the merits.

Inasmuch as formal drawings were submitted previously, as evidenced by the cover letter submitted herewith, it is

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respectfully submitted that the Response to the Notice of Missing Parts was complete, and therefore that no further extension of time is necessary to render this Response timely. If, however, it is the Office's position that the drawings submitted previously were not in conformity with the regulations, this paper may be treated as a request for a further extension of time, and the required fee charged to deposit account 04-0401 of the undersigned. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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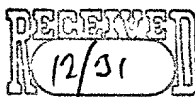
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NOTICE OF INCOMPLETE REPLY (NONPROVISIONAL)

Filing Date Granted

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 12/18/2001 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 09/19/2001 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawings submitted to the Office are not electronically reproducible. Drawing sheets must be submitted on paper which is flexible, strong, white, smooth, non-shiny, and durable (see 37 CFR 1.84(e));

*A copy of this notice **MUST** be returned with the reply.*

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